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PROGRESS OF PROJECTS IN CORE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the energy sector has prepared a power packed presentation to evaluate the progress of projects in the core sector and to identify problems that could be resolved to kick-start the economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete action plan has been worked out to overcome all the hurdles; and

(d) if so, the extent to which it is likely to boost the energy sector to grow during the next three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 78 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2001 REGARDING PROGRESS OF PROJECTS IN CORE SECTOR.

(a) to (d) : All ongoing projects are regularly monitored every quarter by the Empowered Committee chaired by Secretary (Power). The Empowered Committee also has representatives from the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The monitoring mechanism has been further strengthened and a new mechanism has been put in place, over and above the Empowered Committee, to monitor all ongoing projects envisaged for the 10th Plan and beyond.

Projects under execution could face various problems and some of the major reasons are as follows :

1. Delays in acquisition of land.

2. Rehabilitation and resettlement issues.

3. Geological surprises in case of hydro projects.

4. Delays in award of works and delays by contracting agencies.

5. Damage due to natural calamities.
6. Non-availability of adequate escrow cover.

7 Fuel linkage and other litigation problems etc.

The Working Group on Power for the 10th Five Year Plan has set a target of about 47000 MW to be set up during the 10th Plan period. Individual projects which would be commissioned during the next Plan has also been identified. It is expected that with the close monitoring which is being made on all on-going projects, the actual realization would be much better than what has been achieved in the 8th and 9th Five Year Plans.